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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/023,232

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For: NUDE MOUSE MODEL FOR HUMAN
NEOPLASTIC DISEASE

Examiner: Anne Marie Sabrina Wehbé, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1632

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1632

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 11 August 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 11 November 2003. All pending claims, claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-28, 30-37, 42-49 and 54-61 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following clarifying amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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